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Repairs start Nov. 13 at Lower Granite and Little Goose locks; to be out-of-service five days

Walla Walla, Wash. – Navigation locks at Little Goose Dam and Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River will be out of service Nov. 13-17 for repairs. Both locks are scheduled to reopen at 6 p.m. on Nov. 17, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials here.

"We'll fix loose anchor bolts in the upstream gate at Little Goose to prevent gate failure," said Ann Glassley, a Walla Walla District navigation official. "During this lock outage, a plate will be welded to the gate seal surface at Lower Granite to eliminate a vibration problem."

"The Corps' primary concern is always safety – for the public and repair workers. These repairs are necessary to ensure safe lock operations," said Jim Bluhm, a district maintenance official in operations division. "This outage will affect recreational river users and commercial water traffic to the cities of Clarkston and Lewiston. We intend to do the job as safely and quickly as possible to minimize the impacts."

For more information on the lock outage, call Ann Glassley at (509) 527-7115 or Jim Bluhm at (509) 527-7114.